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APPARATUS, AND METHOD FOR  
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THE MEDICAL SYSTEM CONTROL  
APPARATUS

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1. U.S. Patent No. 5,678,568, dated October 21, 1997, issued to Uchikubo et al.; and
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 7-303654, published November 21, 1995.

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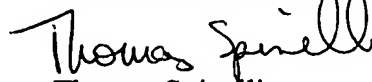
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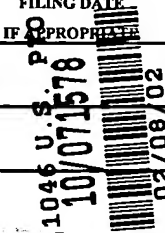
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE <small>IF APPROPRIATE</small>
		5,678,568	10/21/97	Uchikubo et al.			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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